[English]

Consumption of Petroleum

826 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the measures taken to reduce the consumption of petroleum and petroleum products; and

(b) the volume of these products saved during 1995-96 so far as a result of those measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Government have initiated various measures to promote conservation of petroleum products in the transport, industrial, agricultural and domestic sectors. An important promotional activity has been the multi-media campaign for creating mass awareness about the need for conserving petroleum products and for informing and motivating users to take concrete steps to actually conserve such products. Other steps taken include :

In Transport Sector Adoption of measures and practices which are conducive to increased fuel efficiency, training programmes for drivers and trainers, establishing model depots and garages etc.

In Industrial Sector Modernisation of boilers, furnaces and other oil operated equipments with efficient ones and promotion of fuel efficient practices and equipments.

In Agriculture Sector Rectification of existing pumpsets to make them more energy efficient, setting up of demonstration centres, educating the farmers through exhibitions, Kisan Melas etc

In Household Sector Development as well as promotion of the use of fuel efficient equipments and appliances like kerosene and LPG stoves, imparting education on better cooking habits etc

(b) As a result of these measures, it is estimated that petroleum products worth Rs 1169 crores have been saved during 1994-95 The savings during 1995-96 are yet to be worked out by the various agencies involved in conservation measures

Enron

827 SHRI ANIL BASU Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Enron Company has signed any agreement to set up power projects in various States of the country.

(b) if so the names of the States with whom negotiations are going on.

(c) whether FIPB clearance has been approved for such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) As per the information available, the Enron Development Corporation has signed an agreement to set up the Dabhol Power Project in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) A letter of intent (LOI) has been issued by the Government of Rajasthan to M/s. Amoco-Enron for setting up of 50 MW solar photo voltaic power plant in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d). The proposal of M/s. Enron to set up Dabhol Power Project in the State of Maharashtra has been cleared from foreign investment angle.

[Translation]

Tehri Dam

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SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government had recently announced that an expert Committee would be set up to consider the various objections raised with regard to the Tehri Hydro-electric project,

(b) if so, whether the committee has since been set up;

(c) if so, the details and composition thereof,

(d) if not, by when the committee is likely to be set up;

(e) the reference of the aforesaid committee, and

(f) the time by which the work on the project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR S VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) In the context of objections raised against the Tehri Project by Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna who went on fast in April, 1996 demanding review of the Theri Project and in order to facilitate a proper solution to the problem Government have agreed to provide all facilities to examine the relevant scientific and technical reports and other information relating to the safety of the Tehri Dam by a group of four experts suggested by Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna These experts have since been requested to examine the relevant reports and make available